

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 3, 4, and 10-12 have been rejected. Claims 2, 5, and 13 have been objected to. Claims 2, 5, and 13 have been canceled. Claims 6-9 have been allowed. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to include the features of objected to claims 2 and 13, respectively. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 10-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Buell (U.S. Patent No. 5,768,079). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 3, 4, and 10-12 are allowable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

Independent claims 1 and 10 have been amended to include the features of objected to claims 2 and 13, respectively. The objected to claims have been canceled.

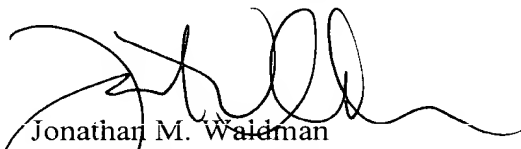
Based on the foregoing, claims 1 and 10 and all claims dependent therefrom, including claims 3, 4, 11, and 12, should not be rejected as being anticipated by Buell. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 3, 4, and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claims 6-9 have been allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 2, 5, and 13 have been canceled.

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended as follows.

1. (Once Amended) A method for controlling a recloser for a three-phase electrical power line, comprising:
 - monitoring the three phases of the power line;
 - determining a number of faults in the three phases; and
 - opening a number of the phases on the power line responsive to the determined number of faults,wherein the fault occurs when a protection element on the recloser enters pickup.
10. (Once Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps comprising:
 - monitoring three phases of a three-phase electrical power line;
 - determining a number of faults in the three phases; and
 - opening a number of the phases on the power line responsive to the determined number of faults, comprising opening only one phase if only one fault is determined, the only one phase being associated with the fault, and opening all three phases if more than one fault is determined.